

# Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund - 2016 - Session 2

Grants Awarded on October 27, 2016

Sorted by Category, Project Number

## Category 1 Fisheries & Wildlife & Habitat Conservation

162-01-01	ACF	<b>Measuring Erosion and Accretion in Maine's Salt Marshes</b>	<i>Funded:</i> <b>\$25,073</b>	Statewide - Coastal
	Agency	<b>Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation-&amp; Forestry - Maine Coastal Program</b>	<i>Requested:</i> \$25,073	
		<i>Install Rod Surface Elevation Tables (RSETs) in salt marshes to monitor surface elevation dynamics caused by erosion or accretion of marsh sediment.</i>		
162-01-02	ACF	<b>Agricultural Allies - Making Room for Grassland Birds in our Farming Landscape</b>	<i>Funded:</i> <b>\$8,100</b>	Somerset & Surrounding Counties
	PT	<b>Somerset County Soil and Water Conservation District</b>	<i>Requested:</i> \$8,100	
		<i>Work with local landowners and farmers to increase the nesting success of significantly declining populations of grassland birds, such as bobolinks, through on-farm demonstrations, assistance and education.</i>		
162-01-04	DMR	<b>China Lake Outlet Stream Restoration Project: Phase Two</b>	<i>Funded:</i> <b>\$20,000</b>	Vassalboro
	PT	<b>Maine Rivers</b>	<i>Requested:</i> \$20,000	
		<i>A series of six barriers prevent spawning access to the historical habitat of China Lake for alewives and other migratory species. The goal of this project is to work with dam owners to restore fisheries access to China Lake.</i>		
162-01-05	IFW	<b>Creating a Customizable Data Entry Portal &amp; Website Interface for Lake Wildlife &amp;Habitat Data</b>	<i>Funded:</i> <b>\$11,550</b>	Statewide
	PT	<b>Maine Audubon Society</b>	<i>Requested:</i> \$11,550	
		<i>Create an adaptable data entry and storage system for projects focused on Maine lake data and housed at the Lakes of Maine (LoMe) website. The pilot model will be developed for the annual loon count. The portal will make use of existing LoME website infrastructure and will enable long-term data to be linked to existing water quality data for analysis and data exploration.</i>		

**Total Amount Funded for Category: 1 \$64,723**

## Category 2 Acquisition & Mgmt of Public Lands, Parks, Wildlife Conservation Areas & Public Access

162-02-01	ACF PT	"Sounds of the Maine Forest" Nature Trail and "Nature Yurt & Preserve" Adaptive Outdoor Education Center <i>The "Sounds of the Maine Forest" interactive nature trail and "Nature Yurt &amp; Preserve" will provide protection and enhancement of our natural community as well as environmental monitoring of public lands, wildlife, and the endangered species of the area. The project will promote outdoor recreation on shared public land and provide environmental education.</i>	Funded: <b>\$15,030</b> Requested: \$15,030	Carrabassett Valley
162-02-02	ACF PT	Multi-use Parking Lot for the Down East Sunrise Trail in Whitneyville Downeast Coastal Conservancy <i>The Whitneyville Sunrise Trail parking lot will offer parking, an ATV and snowmobile loading ramp, and access to both the Sunrise Trail and the Machias River Preserve.</i>	Funded: <b>\$10,000</b> Requested: \$10,000	Whitneyville
162-02-03	ACF PT	Gilead Public Access Site - Androscoggin River Canoe Trail Mahoosuc Land Trust <i>Secure 30 year public access to and build a ramped boat launch on the Androscoggin River off Route 2 (near the mouth of the Wild river and White Mountain national Forest) in Gilead providing critical boat access for anglers and increasing access for people of all abilities.</i>	Funded: <b>\$10,000</b> Requested: \$10,000	Gilead
162-02-05	ACF PT	Microclimates on Rock Glaciers Univ of Maine System Inc. - Univ. of Maine at Presque Isle <i>The unique vegetation community on rock glaciers in Deboullie Public Reserved Lands will be explored in depth by population genetic analysis of symbionts and fine-scale environmental monitoring, and interpreted for the public.</i>	Funded: <b>\$3,974</b> Requested: \$3,974	Deboullie Public Reserved Lands
162-02-08	IFW PT	Royal River Water Trail (2017) Royal River Conservation Trust <i>The Royal River Conservation Trust through its Royal River Water Trail initiative is leading efforts to secure, promote, coordinate, and manage public access to the Royal River, its tributaries, and its headwater ponds in close coordination with municipal landowners, state agency landowners, and private landowners.</i>	Funded: <b>\$20,000</b> Requested: \$20,000	Cumberland and Androscoggin

**Total Amount Funded for Category: 2                      \$59,004**

## Category 3 Endangered & Threatened Species Conservation Projects

162-03-01	ACF Agency	Compared to What? Documenting Reference Wetlands in Maine Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation-& Forestry- MNAP <i>This project will adopt recently developed Ecological Integrity Assessment methods to document reference-quality wetlands in Maine. This methodology will allow for a standardized and quantifiable assessment of high quality wetlands in order to develop a catalog of reference wetlands across all types, serving multiple monitoring and evaluation purposes.</i>	Funded: <b>\$18,461</b> Requested: \$18,461	Statewide
162-03-02	DMR Agency	Reducing Severe Entanglements in the Endangered North Atlantic Right Whale Maine Dept. of Marine Resources <i>Document the hauling loads endured by the vertical line on lobster gear when it is hauled and how this load differs spatially and with different configurations of gear. These data will be used to determine whether or not using weaker ropes for vertical lines is a viable method of reducing the severity of entanglements of endangered North Atlantic right whales.</i>	Funded: <b>\$8,323</b> Requested: \$16,645	Statewide

**Total Amount Funded for Category: 3                      \$26,784**

**Category 4 Natural Resources Law Enforcement and Protection of Public Health**

<b>162-04-02</b>	<b>DMR</b>	<b>Enhancing Maine regulatory HAB testing Capabilities in the Gulf of Maine</b>	<i>Funded:</i> <b>\$32,000</b>	<b>Coastal Maine</b>
	<i>Agency</i>	<b>Maine DMR</b>	<i>Requested:</i> \$32,000	
		<i>Enhance Maine's current regulatory shellfish monitoring program for ASP toxins.</i>		
<b>162-04-03</b>	<b>DEP</b>	<b>Identify Inadequate Septic Systems Near Damariscotta Lake to Protect Public Health &amp; Water Quality</b>	<i>Funded:</i> <b>\$10,585</b>	<b>Damariscotta Lake</b>
	<i>PT</i>	<b>Midcoast Conservancy</b>	<i>Requested:</i> \$10,585	
		<i>Survey landowners to identify sources of pollution from inadequate private septic systems on properties abutting Damariscotta Lake, and provide engineering services to assist in designing improved systems to prevent further pollution.</i>		
<b>162-04-04</b>	<b>DMR</b>	<b>Fisheries Enforcement/Homeland Security vessel for Port of Portland</b>	<i>Funded:</i> <b>\$59,915</b>	<b>Portland Harbor</b>
	<i>Agency</i>	<b>Department of Marine Resources - Bureau of Marine Patrol</b>	<i>Requested:</i> \$80,436	
		<i>Enhance Maine Patrol's ability to meet our mission of enforcing Marine Conservation laws and regulations in Maine's largest port. This platform would also allow Patrol the ability to reach out to a larger geographical region to strengthen not only our enforcement focus, but also to improve our Port Security and search and rescue efforts.</i>		
<b>162-04-06</b>	<b>IFW</b>	<b>Keep Maine Clean</b>	<i>Funded:</i> <b>\$7,500</b>	<b>Statewide</b>
	<i>PT</i>	<b>Maine Resource Recovery Association</b>	<i>Requested:</i> \$7,500	
		<i>Keep Maine Clean will recruit volunteers to pick up trash along the roads in the fields and forests, and organize and motivate them to do this regularly throughout the year.</i>		

**Total Amount Funded for Category: 4                    \$110,000**

**Total All Categories:                    \$260,511    # of Grants Awarded: 15**